(*e*) whether it is a fact that the machine was found unworkable when it was delivered there;

(*f*) whether the machine was purchased on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Government Press; and

(*g*) why the machine was purchased?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are three hand-casting machines and two mechanically operated Thompson Type-casters.

(*b*) One of the Thompson Type-casters was got down in Edavam 1106.

(*c*) Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., Madras.

(*d*) The price of the machine amounted to S. Rs. 7,939-8-0 only.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Since the enormous quantity of types required for the increased volume of work could not be cast with the then existing Thompson Type-caster and the old hand-casting machines, an additional Thompson Type-caster was purchased.

Mr. Sankarasubrahmanya Aiyar, Clerk, Division Cutcherry, Quilon.

133. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since Mr. M. S. Sankarasubrahmanya Aiyar, clerk, Division Cutcherry, Quilon, has been put in charge of the Account Section there;

(*b*) whether there has been any complaint against him; and

(*c*) the extent of landed properties owned by this clerk and his relations in the Quilon Division?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Clerk Mr. K. Sankarasubrahmanya Aiyar has been in charge of the Account Section of the Quilon Division Cutcherry from the month of Kanni 1106.

(*b*) A petition was recently received in the office of the Land Revenue Commissioner complaining against the clerk's conduct. The Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, who conducted an enquiry, has found that the petition is pseudonymous and that the allegations contained therein are unfounded.

(*c*) There are no landed properties in the Quilon Division in the name of this clerk. His father owns an extent of about 12 or 13 acres of dry land in the Chadayamangalam pakuthi, purchased by him in the year 1105. His relations do not own landed properties in the Quilon Division.

Appointments made by the Acting Chief Justice.

134. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

(*a*) the number of clerks and copyists appointed in the High Court ever since Mr. Joseph Taliat became the Acting Chief Justice;

(*b*) how many of them are :—

(i) Cheramars;
(ii) Sambavars;
(iii) Fishermen;
(iv) Kammalas (Asaries);
(v) Kuravas;
(vi) Chetties;
(vii) members of the Krishnamvakai community;
(viii) Ezhavas;
(ix) Yogisvaras;
(x) Vellalas;
(xi) Saliyas;
(xii) Hindu Nadars; and
(xiii) members of other communities; and

(*c*) the number of applications received from Vellalas and Hindu Nadars?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six clerks and two copyists were appointed in acting vacancies. Copyists are not appointed by the Chief Justice.

(*b*) (iv) Kammalas—one (Clerk)
(vi) Chetties—one (Clerk)
(viii) Ezhavas—one (Clerk)
(xiii) Members of other communities—Five (3 clerks and 2 copyists).

(*c*) Applications from Vellalas—Nil.
Do. from Nadars—3.

Introduction of a ferry service at Vazhakuttam.

135. **MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of my question No. 28, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 4th August 1930, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. Division Officer has reported upon the necessity for a ferry service at Vazhakuttam; and

(*b*) if so, the further steps taken on the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. An interim report has been received from him.

(*b*) Further action can be taken only after the receipt of the final report.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when the report of the P. W. D. Division Officer was called for?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): On the 4th April 1931.

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